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Following the Office Action dated January 24, 2003, and in conjunction with the Request for Continued Examination (RCE) filed herewith, please amend the above-identified patent application as indicated below.

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IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 15 and 19 without prejudice or disclaimer.

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Please amend the claims in the following manner, shown below in clean form.
Marked-up versions of the amended claims are provided in the attached Appendix.

9. (Once Amended) An electronic device chassis comprising:

a bracket for mounting two or more devices, said mounted devices oriented in a first plane;

a hinge for rotatably connecting said bracket to said chassis, said hinge being configured to rotate the bracket about a hinging axis in the first plane in a direction perpendicular to said first plane; and

means for securing said bracket in a closed position;

wherein said bracket is configured to rotate between the closed position and an open position about the hinging axis.

11. (Twice Amended) The electronic device chassis of claim 9, further comprising:

a locking structure for locking said bracket in the closed position.